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FLYING SHIPS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether ITI, Powai has developed "flying ships" to ferry passengers in the Himalayas and the North-east;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the time by which its design is likely to be developed and perfected for greater usage in the remote plans?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) to (c): A feasibility study for the design and development of airships for transportation of goods and passengers in Uttaranchal State is being carried out at IIT Bombay.Technology Information Forecasting and Assessment Council (TIFAC), an autonomous institution under Department of Science & Technology, Government of India is supporting this feasibility study. The detailed finding from such a study would provide a basis for further consideration of options available for other areas as well as for consideration for development of airships.